

**2008 TRIBAL RELATIONS TRAINING
DECEMBER 11, 2008**

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

JOE ANDERSON

Indian Education for All Coach, Helena High School (Blackfeet)

Joseph Lee Anderson is a mixed-blood American. He carries Blackfoot, Ojibway, Cree, Scottish and Irish DNA. Anderson is an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Nation. He has a BA in English from Carroll College and an MA in Education from Lesley College of Massachusetts. He has taught English at Helena High School for thirty-eight years, composition for three years at Carroll College, Traffic Education for eighteen years and coached football, track and basketball for twelve years. Currently, he serves as the Indian Education For All Coach for all Helena high schools. He was named MIEA's Indian Teacher of the Year in 2002 and serves on the board of directors of the Wakina Multi-Cultural Education Center in Helena and the Montana Indian Education Association. Anderson drums, sings and dances with The Old Medicine Singers of Helena. He has been married to his best friend Melissa for forty years and they have raised four beautiful children: Chad, Joshua, Karissa and Gabriel. He is Papa to seven grandbabies.

DANIEL D. BELCOURT

Attorney, Belcourt Law, P.C. (Chippewa Cree)

Daniel D. Belcourt is owner of Belcourt Law, P.C., a law firm that specializes in Indian Law. Prior to opening his own law firm in 2006, Mr. Belcourt was a partner with the law firm of Smith, Doherty & Belcourt. Mr. Belcourt practiced most his law career serving as in-house general counsel to the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy Reservation from 1994-2002. Dan has a broad array of experience in all aspects of tribal government representation. This includes water rights and other state-tribal negotiations and agreements; tribal self-governance contracting and compacting (BIA and IHS); health care, education, gaming, economic development, natural resource and jurisdictional matters. He has represented tribal governments in matters before the U.S. Congress, state legislatures, federal agencies, and in litigation before federal, state and tribal forums. While obtaining his masters of law in environmental and natural resource law, he also served as Attorney General to the Colorado River Indian Tribe in 1998. Dan is a tribal member with the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation.

JENNIFER PEREZ COLE

Coordinator of Indian Affairs, Governor's Office (Assiniboine)

Jennifer Perez Cole was appointed by Governor Schweitzer to serve on his cabinet as the new Indian Affairs Coordinator effective November 1, 2007. Cole, 31, is the former editor of Fort Belknap News, a tribally-operated newspaper of the Assiniboine & Gros Ventre tribes of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation. Jennifer received her Bachelor of Arts

degree in print journalism from the University of Montana in 2001. She then worked as a reporter with the Great Falls Tribune until the fall of 2003 covering beats with the city desk, judicial court systems and north central Montana, a region encompassing four of the state's seven Indian reservations. Jennifer was a 2001 Chips Quinn Journalism Scholar and graduated from the Freedom Forum's two-year Associated Press Managing Editors/American Society of Newspaper Editors Fellowship Program in fall of 2003. Together, she and her husband, Skip, have four children: Shelby, Jessica, Emma and Frank. Jennifer was born and raised on the Fort Belknap Reservation and is an enrolled member of the Assiniboiné Tribe of the Fort Belknap Indian Community and a descendant of the Fort Peck Assiniboiné Tribe.

DAVID EWER

Budget Director, Governor's Office

David Ewer previously served as a researcher for the board of investments and former state legislator. Ewer also served as the Deputy Director of the Montana Board of Investments and as a senior bond program officer. Prior to working for the Montana Board of Investments, Ewer worked as the Assistant Vice President and as an Investment Officer for InterFirst Bank in Dallas, Texas. Ewer served in the Montana House of Representatives for eight years and was candidate for State Auditor in 2000. He received his Bachelor of Arts with high honor from Northeastern University in Boston and a Masters in City and Regional Planning from Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government.

LESA EVERS

Economic Development Specialist, Governor's Office (Blackfeet)

Lesa Evers has joined the Governor's Office of Economic Development and will focus primarily on economic development in Indian Country. Lesa came from the Montana Department of Commerce where she worked as the Indian Country Economic Development program manager. Prior to that position, she was employed as the Executive Assistant to the Director of the Montana Department of Agriculture, worked for the Blackfeet Higher Education Program, State of Alaska and the Alaska Job Corps Center. Lesa serves on several committees including the State Tribal Economic Development Commission. Lesa was born on the Blackfeet reservation in Browning, Montana, is of Blackfeet descent and is an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewas. She attended college at Montana State University in Bozeman and Matanuska Susitna College in Palmer, Alaska. She and her son, Elliott, currently reside in Helena.

JACK GLADSTONE

Singer, Songwriter, Lecturer and Storyteller (Blackfeet)

Jack Gladstone is a Native "PoetSinger" and lecturer from the Blackfeet Indian Nation of Montana. Regarded as a cultural bridge builder, he delivers programs nationally on American Indian mythology and history. In a career spanning two decades, Jack has produced a dozen critically acclaimed CD's. In 1985, Jack co-founded "Native America Speaks", an award-winning lecture series for Glacier National Park.

A former college instructor, Jack has been featured on both the Travel Channel and in USA Today magazine. Honored as a “modern day warrior and bridge builder”, he holds a Human Rights Award for Outstanding Community Service from Montana State University. Since 1997, Jack Gladstone has collaborated with Lloyd Maines, Grammy winning producer of the Dixie Chicks. He was also a key tribal voice providing alternate perspectives of the Lewis and Clark expedition during the recent bicentennial commemoration. Jack recently narrated the Telly award winning Lewis and Clark film *Confluence of Time and Courage*.

In 2008, 2007 and 2006, Gladstone headlined programs at the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indians in Washington D.C. In the fall and winter of 2008, Jack will be Montana’s spokesperson for the U.S. Capitol Christmas tree, which will be cut in Montana. As the tree makes its way across the country, Jack will be there to sing his songs and deliver a resounding message from the “Heart of Montana”.

HAL HARPER

Chief Policy Advisor, Governor’s Office

Hal Harper is the Governor Schweitzer’s Chief Policy Advisor. Harper served nearly 30 years in the Montana House of Representatives and served as both Speaker of the House and the House Majority Leader during that time. Prior to taking his position with the Schweitzer Administration, Harper was working as a building contractor in Helena. He attended Rocky Mountain College and the University of Montana and received his bachelor’s degree in philosophy. Hal is married to Janet Harper.

HANK HUDSON

Administrator, Department of Public Health & Human Services

Hank Hudson is currently the administrator for the Human and Community Services Division at the Department of Public Health and Human Services. This Division addresses issues of poverty and hunger. Prior to this employment Hank has been involved in child welfare, aging services and education in several western states. Han was born in southern Oregon and has lived in a number of western states as well as Washington DC. He enjoys walking through the woods when he is not working.

ANDREW HUFF

Legal Counsel, Governor’s Office (Chippewa Cree)

Andrew Huff is an attorney in the Governor’s Office and a Chippewa-Cree tribal member. Mr. Huff graduated from Hellgate High School in Missoula, in 1987. He received his BA from Harvard University in 1991. From 1993 to 1995, Mr. Huff served in Cameroon, West Africa, as a Peace Corps Volunteer. In 1999, he received his JD from the University of Colorado, emphasizing federal Indian law. During law school, Mr. Huff worked with Professor Charles Wilkinson as a research assistant and served as an editor for a journal on international law. From 1999 to 2004, he was a staff attorney at the Indian Law Resource

Center, where he advocated on behalf of indigenous peoples in Montana, Alaska, Canada, South Africa, at the United Nations, and elsewhere. In 2005 and 2006, Mr. Huff ran his own law office doing primarily trial and appellate work in federal district court and at the Ninth Circuit. Since November of 2006, Mr. Huff has been working as an attorney in the Governor's Office, advising on Indian law and policy issues.

MIKE JETTY

Indian Education Specialist, Office of Public Instruction (Spirit Lake Dakota Sioux)

Mike Jetty is currently working at the Montana Office of Public Instruction as an Indian Education Specialist. He is an enrolled member of the Spirit Lake Dakota (Sioux) Nation. Mike has an undergraduate degree in History Education and a Masters in School Administration. He has been working in the field of Indian education for the past 17 years. In 2008 Mike was honored to be chosen as the Indian Educator of the Year by the Montana Indian Education Association. Mike is married to Laura Ferguson and they have two lovely daughters, Rosie and Sapphire.

JAN M. LOMBARDI

Policy Advisor for Education, Governor's Office

Jan M. Lombardi serves as the Education Policy Advisor to Montana's Governor Brian Schweitzer on issues ranging from early childhood school readiness to K-12, higher education and adult education (workforce readiness.) Lombardi has nearly 30 years of diverse experience in government, nonprofits and the business sector. She started her career in banking and finance for large regional banks in Maryland and also worked as a financial research consultant. Jan returned to Montana in 1988 to care for her grandparents and raise a family. Lombardi worked in nonprofit and government sectors, focusing on policy in public health, community development, women and children and education since returning to Montana. She was the Executive Director of the Prevention Resource Center, coordinating inter-agency policy for children and families and also served as appointed staff for the State of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Lombardi has two children, Jill and Ray and is married to Bill Lombardi. She received her B. A. from Newcomb College of Tulane University.

STEVE LOZAR

Councilman, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes

Councilman Steve Lozar represents the Polson District for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. He attended many Tribal schools in the West including St. Stephens School in Wind River Wyoming. He earned a degree in anthropology from the University of Hawaii in 1971 and has taught anthropology at Salish Kootenai College for 28 years. He worked as the tribe's education director; he owns a screen printing and embroidery company; and he joined tribal Council in 2005. Steve is the first American Indian to serve on the Montana Historical Society Board of Trustees. Mr. Lozar and his wife Keryl, raised their six children in Polson where they still reside.

DAN MCFADYEAN

Deputy Director, Blackfeet Manpower (Blackfeet)

Dan McFadyean is an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Tribe; he graduated from Browning High School in 1971. Dan graduated from the University of Montana in 1976. After moving to the Seattle area he attended Seattle University.

In the early 80's Dan began his professional career as a Health Planner under the Blackfeet Tribal Health Department for the Blackfeet Tribe. Dan's primary duty was to represent the Blackfeet Tribe to outside communities' concerning health and welfare planning activities. He was responsible for establishing strong working relationships with federal, state and local governments.

In 1992 Dan moved to Seattle, Washington and worked for the International Association of Machinist (IAM CARES) Union as a Rehabilitation Specialist. Responsibilities included: vocational assessment; negotiate individual and group training contracts with school districts and employers; develop and conduct job search workshops; facilitate communication with case managers who work for Workforce, Employment Security, Washington State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, DSHS, Social Security Administration and Employers.

In 1998 Dan was selected as the manager of Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD) Head Start Employment and Training Seattle/Tacoma Washington. He served as the technical authority in working with local, county, state and federal agencies to identify and resolve barriers regarding education, and employment for low-income residents living in King and Pierce counties of Washington State. He was also responsible for developing and administering the departments of TANF employment grants.

Dan represented PSESD in development of capacity to become an authorized training facility for Casey Family Programs. Developed and implemented life skills assessment and life skills education training certification project. Dan was responsible for training special education, TANF case managers, school counselors, youth mentors, care givers and juvenile justice staff in the use of Internet web-based Casey Life Skills assessment tools.

With all Dan's managerial, administrative and public relations skills, he began employment with Blackfeet Manpower as the principle executive assistant and advisor to the Blackfeet Manpower Director in May of 2008. Dan assists the Director in planning, budgeting, administrative management, policy development, personnel management, communications management and coordination, and in providing leadership and direction for activities of the department. He serves as the acting director in the Directors absence, and acts on behalf of and represents the Director at internal and external meetings.

CHANTEL MCCORMICK

Senior Energy Development Specialist, Energy Promotion and Development Division

Ms. McCormick currently serves as the Senior Energy Development Specialist for the State of Montana's Energy Promotion and Development, created in the Department of Commerce from the Governor Schweitzer's commitment to clean, green energy development in Montana. In this capacity, Chantel works to facilitate energy development projects throughout Montana. Her focus is wind, geothermal, clean coal, and Native American projects.

Prior to working on energy development issues, Chantel owned a public relations firm and a thoroughbred horse farm in Lexington, Kentucky.

Chantel was raised in Kalispell, Montana and graduated from Montana State University in 1999. She currently lives in Helena, Montana.

BRUCE NELSON

Chief of Staff, Governor's Office

Bruce Nelson, is Chief of Staff to the Governor. Nelson formerly headed the federal Farm Services Agency in Montana and chaired the Montana Democratic Party. Prior to accepting the Governor's appointment he worked as Development Project Manager for Zoot Enterprises in Bozeman. Nelson received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Montana. He is married with three children.

ROBIN SELVIG

Lady Griz Basketball Coach

While Selvig is entering his 31st season as coach of the Lady Griz, his association with the University goes back to the fall of 1970, when the Outlook, Mont., native matriculated at UM as a student-athlete himself. Selvig was a four-year member of the Grizzly basketball team, earning second team All-Big Sky honors as a senior. In his final year of competition he was also presented the John Eaheart Award as the team's top defensive player and the Grizzly Cup, given to UM's best all-around athlete, scholar and person. Selvig graduated in the spring of 1974 with a degree in health and physical education. He was inducted into the Grizzly Basketball Hall of Fame in February 1983.

After coaching the Montana men's freshman team to a 10-8 record in 1974-75, Selvig took over the girls' basketball program at Plentywood High, where he totaled a 38-24 record over three seasons. Selvig was hired by UM Director of Athletics Harley Lewis June 6, 1978.

Montana won the first three Big Sky Conference women's basketball titles with perfect 16-0 marks. The team has gone 258-44 (.854) in Big Sky play overall, winning 14 conference titles in 20 seasons.

In February 2001 Selvig was inducted into the Grizzly Sports Hall of Fame. Selvig has been recognized often for his coaching. He won his first conference coach of the year award after the 1981-82 NWBL season. Seventeen more league accolades have followed, with five Mountain West and 12 Big Sky conference coach of the year awards. Selvig has also been named the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) District VII Coach of the Year nine times. Following the 1990-91 season, Selvig was one of three finalists for national coach of the year honors.

An influential member of the Missoula community, Selvig has served as the director of the Montana Special Olympics and as a spokesman for Missoula Youth Homes.

A native of Outlook, Mont., Selvig came from a family of eight children. His brother, Doug, and sister, Sandy, were both University of Montana basketball letter-winners. His nephew, Derek, is a redshirt freshman on the Grizzly men's basketball team. Selvig and his wife, Janie, have two adult sons. Jeff and wife Mariana live in Los Angeles. Dan resides in San Francisco.

CHARLENA TORO

Legal Counsel for the Department of Revenue

Ms. Toro has worked for the Montana Department of Revenue for 9 years. She currently advises the Department regarding tax issues affecting Indian tribes and individual tribal members. Her other duties include litigating property tax appeals, which involve tax classification, equalization and equal protection issues. Ms. Toro is a veteran of the United States Army, having served a tour of duty in Germany and a short tour during Operation Desert Storm. Ms. Toro received her B.A. from the University of San Francisco and her J.D. from the Creighton University School of Law, where she was a member of the Creighton Law Review.

CHAS VAN GENDEREN

Administrator, Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Chas has served with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks since 1998 with responsibilities for management planning, budgeting, policy development, and operational oversight in the parks division. As part of his 24 year career in the recreation profession, Chas has worked as a maintenance supervisor, ranger, manager, planner and research consultant throughout the Utah State Park system as well as in Colorado State Parks and a County park system in Michigan. He graduated with a bachelors degree in natural resource management from Colorado State University and coursework from the University of Utah as a certified public manager. Mr. Van Genderen carries his passion for outdoor recreation into his personal life with lots of time spent outdoors backpacking, hunting, fishing, hiking, floating, and camping with his family. Chas and his wife Liz have two daughters ages 17 and 15.

MIKE VOLESKY

Policy Advisor for Natural Resources, Governor's Office

Mike Volesky has served as Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer's Natural Resource Policy Advisor since January, 2005. Prior to working for the administration, he was operations manager for a Montana-based natural beef company, the executive director of the Montana Agricultural Heritage Commission, and the executive director of the Montana Association of Conservation Districts. Mike and his wife Sarah live in Helena with their three boys, Colin, 12; Alex, 10; and Thomas, 9.

WALTER WHITE TAILFEATHER

State Tribal Economic Development Commission Member

Walter White Tail Feather graduated from Rocky Mountain College in 1993 and received his MBA in 2008 from the University of Phoenix Online. Walter is an enrolled member of the Kashaya Band of Pomo Indians from Stewarts Point, CA. He previously worked for the U.S. Department of Energy in Washington, D.C. on American Indian Issues, as a grant writer for the California Rural Indian Health Board in Sacramento, CA, and operated the Viral Hepatitis Integration Project for the Fort Peck Tribal Health Department. Walter has also been an instructor for the Fort Peck Community College. He is currently the Economic Development Director for the Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes in Poplar, Montana. Walter has two children, Alec (7) and Aries (2) currently lives in Poplar, Montana with his beautiful wife Cassie.

ANNA WHITING-SORRELL

Acting Director, Department of Public Health & Human Services (Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes)

Anna Whiting-Sorrell serves as Acting Director of the Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services. She has served as the Policy Advisor on Families in the Governor's Office since 2005. She has spent her professional career working for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, where she is an enrolled member, most recently working in Tribal Administration overseeing a number of programs and the Tribes' effort in self-governance and other legislative efforts. Whiting-Sorrell developed and implemented a nationally recognized substance abuse prevention and treatment program for the Tribes for nearly a decade. She is a graduate of the University of Montana with a BA in Political Science and Education, and a Masters of Public Administration. Whiting-Sorrell and her husband Gene live on the Flathead Reservation in Ronan with their daughter Katy. Gene's older daughter Gena and husband Victor live in Missoula, and son Eugene recently returned from Saudi Arabia and is now stationed outside of London, England, with his wife and three sons and a baby daughter, where he is serving in U.S. Air Force.